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1. WE LEFT PAPER BASED ON REFTEL A WITH HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BUREAU ON GENERAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, WILLEM ELZINGA, MARCH 30. HE GAVE US FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY DUTCH VIEWS.

2. ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT, DUTCH WANT TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE PREPARATIONS, POSTPONING THE FINAL DECISION UNTIL NEXT YEAR BUT AT THE SAME TIME ENCOURAGING ECE SENIOR ADVISORS TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK. ELZINGA POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS SUBJECT TO WHATEVER AGREEMENT THE EC REACHED. HE THOUGHT THE EC WOULD BE MORE
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POSITIVE THAN THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT. AS FOR TOPICS OTHER THAN TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION, HE SAID THE NETHERLANDS PROBABLY WOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE US TOWARD LOW-AND NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY AND TOXIC WASTES. ALTHOUGH PREFERRING ONE TOPIC, THE NETHERLANDS WOULD NOT OBJECT TO TWO OR EVEN THREE.

3. ON AN ENERGY MEETING, ELZINGA SAID DUTCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

ARE DIVIDED ON WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY ADVANTAGES TO THE WEST,
AND NETHERLANDS THEREFORE MIGHT FAVOR POSTPONING A DECISION UNTIL
NEXT YEAR.

4. ON TRANSPORT, HE SAID THE NETHERLANDS DID NOT FAVOR A HIGH
LEVEL MEETING AND THAT THE EC MIGHT VETO ONE IF IT WERE
ADOPTED BY THE ECE.
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